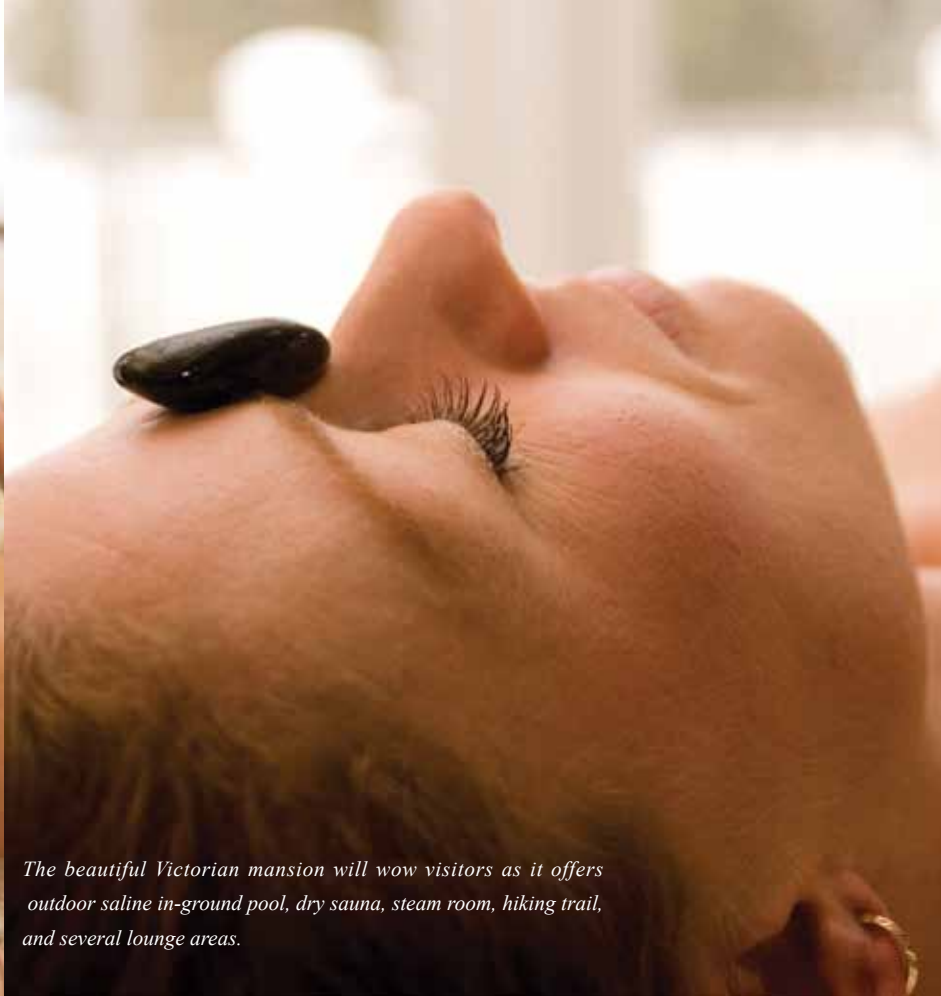




The Secret is Out!

Grand Dame of Spas Opens Exclusive Spa

By Mary Hughes



The beautiful Victorian mansion will wow visitors as it offers outdoor saline in-ground pool, dry sauna, steam room, hiking trail, and several lounge areas.

Ste. Anne's Spa was one of Canada's first spas. Opened in 1985 as a bed and breakfast, it then added the spa component, in 1992. This made the property so famous it has been voted favourite spa in Canada for five consecutive years by SpaFinder Readers. (www.steannes.com)

This Grand Dame of Spas has now opened a satellite spa, in nearby Port Hope, Ontario. Port Hope is a remarkably picturesque community located 100 kilometers east of Toronto, along the shores of Lake Ontario and the Northumberland Hills. Formerly called the Hillcrest, The Dorset Manor Spa is now reopening, and will be offering an intimate and exclusive spa experience.

To start, there are nine beautifully appointed guest rooms: one superior suite, three deluxe rooms and five standard rooms. The rooms have been named after Queen Victoria's nine children - Alice, Beatrice, Helena, Arthur, Alfred, Victoria, Leopold, Albert-Edward and Louise. A

tribute to a long reigning queen is quite fitting, as the mansion itself has been one of the area's long-standing gems, built in 1874.

Part of the exclusivity, guests must stay overnight to spa and the services will be the same as those offered at Ste. Anne's Spa which is located in Grafton, a mere 15 minutes away. The Dorset Manor Spa will feature treatment rooms including two deluxe couples' rooms – perfect for honeymooners or those celebrating a special occasion. Guests will also be able to request in-room massage, in those rooms large enough to accommodate the service.

The Dorset Manor Spa will also offer a full menu dining experience to guests, created by Chef Christopher Ennew. He oversees the culinary team at Ste. Anne's Spa, and will be providing the same exquisite cuisine here. The dining room offers floor to ceiling windows on three sides of the large room, and frames spectacular views of Lake Ontario, the woods and the gardens. It is one destination

that is fit for a queen and Queen Victoria herself would have loved to be a regular guest here!

See blueberry parfait recipe next page.

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